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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Reports from Cape Colony—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The medical officer of health for the Colony reports, January 8, 1906, as follows:

Week ended January 6, 1906:

Port Elizabeth.—No plague case discovered. Rodents bacteriologically examined for plague infection, 168. One mouse plague infected.

East London.—Rodents examined, 145. No plague infection found.

Cape Town, harbor board area, and shipping.—Rodents examined, 721. No plague infection found.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine precautions—Quarantinable diseases—Smallpox in Canton.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports, January 6 and 13, 1906, as follows:

Week ended January 6, 1906.

Government notification that restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on September 9, 1905.

Government notification that restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on December 29, 1905.

Return of quarantinable diseases: Smallpox, 2 cases, 1 death.

During the latter part of December there occurred in Canton about 40 cases of very virulent smallpox, some being hemorrhagic. The disease did not spread to any alarming extent. Otherwise the health of Canton has been fair, although some of the neighboring towns have suffered severely with plague.

Week ended January 13, 1906:

Government notification that restrictions enforced against Hongkong by Burma, as reported on December 30, 1905, have been removed.

Return of quarantinable diseases: Plague, 2 cases, 2 deaths; smallpox, 1 case.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, January 10 and 17, 1906, as follows:

During the week ended January 6, 1906, 3 steamers were granted supplemental bills of health and 3 vessels, 430 crew, 2 cabin, and 76